

HONGKONG

CHINA



No. 3716

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.



Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £21,093,550

BANKERS: CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST, ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000

SUBSCRIBED £1,150,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 Months 5 per cent.

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" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000

Subscribed Capital £50,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. GILLIES, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

H. Stolterfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Farrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months: Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

INSURANCES.

THE STANDARD.

ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—

(a)—It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.

(b)—It provides a Fund for Retirement.

(c)—It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.

(d)—The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a propo. rationate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Fall particulars on application,

DOD. WELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$83,333-33-

RESERVE FUND \$32,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

LIU SIMG, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [175]

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after THURSDAY, the 5th instant, the WATER SUPPLY will be TURNED ON only between the hours of 6 and 9 A.M. each day.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1894. [427]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH, 1894,
at 2.45 P.M.

COMPETITION for "MARTINI" CUP AND SPOONS: Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; Five Shots at each distance. Entrance fee 30 cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,

Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1894. [428]

LOSS.

AT the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on the night of the 21st instant:

A SILVER-BRAIDED WAISTCOAT.

The finder will oblige by returning them to "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1894.

THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co, Dispensing and Retail Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists, Sundries-men and Patent Medicine Vendors.

KEPLER'S MALT £14.00

KEPLER'S MALT and OIL £14.00

SCOTT'S EMULSION £13.00

SCOTT'S EMULSION £23.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES:—

Perfume Bottles, Cut Crystal, Combs, Brushes, Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Gloves and Belts.

Perfumes:—Pinand, Atkinson, Colgate, Ricksecker and Brown Perfumery Co.

Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

NGAI SHANG,

20, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

RATTAN FURNITURE of Every Description.

CHAIRS, COUCHES, TABLES, BASKETS, CHILDREN'S COTS, &c., &c.

Latest Patterns, Best Workmanship.

Rattan Core, Split Rattan, Canton Reed and Sundries of all kinds.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1893. [35]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE will be RE-OPENED on FRIDAY, the 9th instant, under new and experienced management.

THE STRICTEST ATTENTION will be paid to the CUISINE.

A STAFF of thoroughly trained and specially selected servants has been engaged and will be under the immediate supervision of the Manager.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1894. [198]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS, (Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street.)

THE Undersigned has always thought that such a place as this was the one thing needed to fit in between HOTEL LUX and the PRIVATE BOARDING HOME—providing it be First-class in every detail. A place where one may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M.; or later if need be given. He is also prepared to SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES per MENU or ORDER—the Parties sending Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on Monthly Board for One Person £35.00

Tiffin £15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast £0.50

Lunch £0.75

Dinner £1.00

SPECIAL TIFFINS and DINNERS served in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [31]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE,

No. 1, VICTORIA VIEW, KOWLOON.

MRS. SMITH and Mrs. LEWIS have taken the above admirably situated Establishment from April 1st, where VISITORS will find every Accommodation at moderate rates.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1894. [420]

THE GLENALY BUILDINGS.

Mrs. GILLANDERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1893. [34]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS,

COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,

NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,

PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMAN'S HARTMEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION.

HARTMAN'S GREY PAINT.

DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES &c.

EVERY KIND OF SHIPS' STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

R. TUCKER, Manager.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1894. [199]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS.

SHIPS' STORES.

WINES, SPIRITS, STOUT, ALE, LIQUEURS.

TEACHER'S "HIGHLAND CREAM" WHISKY.

NAPIER JOHNSTONE'S HIGHLAND WHISKY.

ADET SEWARD & Co.'s BORDEAUX WINES.

SACCORIE'S SHERRIES.

HENRY THOMSON & Co.'s AND JAMESON'S IRISH WHISKIES.

COATES' PLYMOUTH GIN.

HOBOKEN DE BIE & Co.'s HOLLANDS.

VERMOUTH, RUM, GINGER WINE, CHERRY BRANDY.

CIGARS and TOBACCO.

HONGKONG, 26th February, 1894.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HONGKONG, 130.

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REPARTICAO DE FAZENDA

PROVINCIAL DE MACAU E TIMOR.

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It is hereby notified that on the 12th of April prox., about One o'clock in the Afternoon, the Committee appointed by the Royal Decree No. 114 of 1st December, 1891, will receive in this Office, TENDERS for the exclusive privilege of SELLING, MAKING, IMPORTING and EXPORTING GUNPOWDER, SALTPETRE and SULPHUR in MACAU, TAIPA, COLOANE and their dependences, for the time of Twenty-five Months, commencing on the 1st of June next, and will adjudicate the same to him who bids the highest price,

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1894.

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DR. FENWICK'S FOOD
FOR
NURSING MOTHERS AND INFANTS
ALSO FOR
DYSPEPTICS AND INVALIDS.

IT is specially recommended as an article of diet for NURSING MOTHERS as it will strengthen and support them and at the same time enrich the Natural Milk and increase the Supply.

INFANTS FEED on this Food put on flesh rapidly.

In two and sixpenny and one and sixpenny bottles at \$1.10 and 70 Cents.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG:
DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
Hongkong, 12th January, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

On and after the 1st April, 1894, the Prices of our WINES and SPIRITS will be as follows:

P O R T. Per dozen Case.

B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule..... \$14.40

C Fine Old Vintage, superior " quality, Black Seal Capsule 16.20

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

Port after removal should be rested for a month before use. Wine required for drinking at once should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before sent out. These wines are too well known to need comment.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

S H E R R Y.

Per dozen Case.

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule \$10.80

C Maranzilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule ... 12.00

CC Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule 12.00

D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice Old Wine, White Seal Capsule..... 14.40

E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

B.C. and C.C. are excellent dinner wines for invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E are after dinner wines of a very superior vintage. All are true Xeres wines.

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C L A R E T.

Per dozen Case.

B St. Estephe, Red Capsule..... \$6.66 7.56

C St. Julien, Red Capsule..... 9.00 9.66

D La Rose, Red Capsule..... 12.96 13.92

Sainte Foy..... 7.20 7.92

Cussac..... 6.60 10.44

Chateau d'Anglade..... 12.20 14.40

Chateau Haut-Biron Lariviere 18.60 19.20

Chateau Mouton d'Armailhacq' 21.00 22.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape, and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with cheap wines.

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H O C K.

Per dozen Case.

Nierstein \$12.00

Rodtchheimer 21.00

Hockheimer 24.00

B U R G U N D Y.

Chablis, white wine..... 15.00

Moussau, superior white wine 18.00

Volnay, very superior red wine 21.00 22.20

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNE.
Full particulars of the various Brands on application.

B R A N D Y.

Per dozen Case.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... \$14.40

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... 16.20

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac 20.40

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vin-tage, Red Capsule 36.00

E Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1862 Vintage 48.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

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W H I S K Y.

Per dozen Case.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule..... \$10.80

B Watson's Glenorchy Melton Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark .. 10.80

C Watson's Aberlour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule with Name and Trade Mark 12.00

D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... 14.40

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule..... 15.00

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. We recommend our customers not

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to be deferred by the lowness of price from trying them all. For a soda-whisky, Thorpe's Blend and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any. Aberlour-Glenlivet is a very old Peat Whisky, which could not be replaced in stock at the price. D and E are too well known to need comment.

IRISH—

Per dozen Case.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule..... \$12.00

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule 15.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule 18.00

All these are very fine and old. C has been stocked in Hongkong in wood for 20 years, there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the Colony.

AMERICAN—

Per dozen Case.

Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name and Trade Mark \$15.00

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony, or from our authorised Agents at the Coast Ports.

G I N.

Per dozen Case.

A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule \$ 7.20

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule 7.00

R U M.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule \$15.00

Good Leeward Island 6.00

Good Leeward Island....\$3.50 per Gallon.

Sample bottles and smaller quantities will be supplied at proportionate wholesale rates.

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L I Q U E U R S.

Benedictine, Maraschino, Curacao, Herling's Cherry Cordial, Chartreuse, Dr. Siegent's Angostura Bitters, &c.

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1894.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

FROM AND AFTER THE 1ST OF JANUARY, 1894, THE SUBSCRIPTION TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" WILL BE THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM, OR TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF PER MONTH.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTH.

On the 3rd instant, at Stewart Terrace, Peak, the wife of G. A. CALDWELL, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1894.

PLEURO-PNEUMONIA AT THE DAIRY FARM.

In our issue of Saturday last we called attention to the exceedingly disagreeable fact that a report was current in the colony, substantially supported, to the effect that the establishment of the Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at Pok-fu-lum, was tainted with fatal disease to cattle, pleuro-pneumonia. Our local contemporaries, although perfectly well aware of the absolute accuracy of our statements, maintained the usual discreet reserve which for years past has in nearly all important matters affecting the interests of the general public—the interests of the masses (the Hongkong community) against those of 'the classes,' the few hybrid tailors' dummies who support toadyism and subserviency by advertising in the *Daily Press* and *China Mail* with other people's money and consider themselves the *elite* of creation—been their colourless policy. "Make money," said Pox in one of his great inspirations, "honestly if you can, but anyway, make money." These may not be the great satirist's exact words, still they convey his meaning and illustrate our argument clearly enough. But for the *Hongkong Telegraph* the community would not have known that a dangerous disease, likely enough to wipe out every head of cattle in the Colony, had been at work since about the 2nd of February; although the immaculate nonentities of that dismal bachelors known as the Sanitary Board had been chin-wagging and writing more or less idiotic minutes and playing the goat generally all the time. Our remarks and Mr. JOHN KEANEDY's very proper and sensible letter to the Colonial Secretary fell like a bombshell in the camp of the Philistines and renegade Jews, and produced results which can only tend to the colony's welfare. The following correspondence speaks for itself:

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 26th March, 1894.

Sir.—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, and in reply to your information that it has been referred to the Sanitary Board.

Yours, etc.,

G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

J. Kennedy, Esq.

SANITARY BOARD ROOM,
Hongkong, 30th March, 1894.

Sir.—In reply to your letter, No. 425 of the 26th instant, enclosing a communication from Mr. J. Kennedy upon the subject of the outbreak of cattle disease at Pok-fu-lum, I have the honour, by direction of the Sanitary Board, to inform you that the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is bound direct to Singapore, where Admiral Freeman's flag will officially notify the appearance of cases of pleuro-pneumonia in the Dairy Farm Company's herd at Pok-fu-lum.

I am to add that the Board is keenly alive to the fact that every precaution must be taken to see that suspicious or infected cases are properly dealt with; to prevent the spread of the contagion to other herds; and generally to safeguard the interests of owners of cattle in the Colony.

Yours, etc., EDWARD A. RAM,
Acting Superintendent,
The Hon. G. T. M. O'Brien, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 31st March, 1894.

Sir.—With reference to my letter, No. 426 of the 28th inst., I am directed to transmit to you, for your information, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1894.

LONDON, March 3rd.

Twenty-two Anarchists were arrested in Paris yesterday.

An investigation has been held in Germany into the circumstances of the terrible explosion which occurred on board the new German warship *Brandenburg*, while in Kiel harbour on 16th February, and which ended in great loss of life.

The result of the inquiry goes to show that the explosion was caused by a defective safety-valve.

The taxation proposals and demands for absolute powers put forward by Signor Crisp, the Italian Premier, are bitterly opposed in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, and it is likely that a dissolution will ensue.

The Czar of Russia has expressed the opinion that the adoption of the tariff arrangements under the Russo-German commercial treaty will be the means of improving the future relations between Russia and Germany.

A telegram from Capetown states that Sebele, the refractory Bechuanaland chief, has submitted to the British in connection with the occupation of Bechuanaland, and the force of Cape Mounted Rifles stationed on the border has been withdrawn.

Carnegie's Steel Company, Pittsburgh, U.S.A., of which Mr. Andrew Carnegie is one of the principal partners, has been fined £25,000 for having supplied defective armour for a warship in the United States Navy.

The selection of Lord Rosebery as Mr. Gladstone's successor is favoured both in Germany and Austria.

It is expected that the Parliamentary programme of Lord Rosebery to be submitted as the policy of his Government will be a very advanced one, and it is believed that it will include the introduction of a bill into the House of Commons limiting the veto of the House of Lords.

The Parnellite members of the Irish party denounce Mr. Gladstone as a traitor to the meeting.

Mr. James Huddart, promoter of the Canadian-Australian mail service, has contracted for the construction or charter of four steamers, with a speed of 20 knots an hour, for a mail service between Great Britain and Canada. The Dominion Government will subsidise this line by a payment of £150,000 a year.

The total amount of the yearly subsidy to be paid by the Dominion Government for the Canadian-Australian and the British services promoted by Mr. James Huddart will be £155,000.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued to-day. The Speech from the Throne made reference to the lasting advantages likely to be conferred on the people by the *Parish Councils Act*, which had passed during the session.

A telegram from Montreal, Canada, states that Count Villeneuve has been arrested there on a charge of forgery.

necessary he would crush the anarchists and socialists by means of the bullets of the soldiery.

March 6th.

Two thousand workmen employed in the Enfield Small Arms Factory have petitioned the War Office authorities to be allowed to return to the system of nine hours' work per day introduced eight hours recently introduced, on the ground that the conditions attached to the eight-hour system are obnoxious. It is probable that a strike will result unless the request of the workmen be granted.

A treaty has been concluded between Spain and Morocco.

It is reported from New York that in order to pacify the Democratic Senators the Finance Committee of the United States Senate has conceded a 15 per cent. duty on woollen yarns, besides numerous other duties.

The British authorities have prohibited an Austrian expedition, under the command of Colonel Juhovits, from crossing the Soudan frontier for the relief of Shatien Bay and Neufeld, an Austrian held captive by the Mahdi.

A manifesto has been issued by the National Liberal Federation. It urges the union of the party in order to carry the Newcastle political programme.

Lord Rosebery's colt Ladas, by Hampton from Illuminati, still rules as favourite for the Derby, 7 to 4 being available about him; while Matchbox is next in demand at 9 to 2.

A great open-air meeting has been held at Buda Pesth, the capital of Hungary, at which the religious reforms proposed to be instituted by the Government were endorsed.

It is estimated that 15,000 persons attended the meeting.

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SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, March 25th, 1894.

Mr. Kelleit, an American lawyer, arrived by the *Chouya* on Saturday. He may start practice here if he sees a chance of doing as well as young Chuds did.

M. Paul started yesterday with a caravan of boats, on his flying visit to the Laos States. Mr. J. W. Archer will probably follow to-morrow.

For being too late to answer the arrack of Justice, at the burglary trial in the British Consulate-General on Thursday last, Messrs. Downie and Davison have been fined Tacs. 100 each. Pretty severe, considering that they only had about fifteen hours' notice.

Telegraphic advices were received from London yesterday to the effect that another sum of Tacs. 142,000 had been awarded to Mr. Murray Campbell by the arbitrators in the dispute between him and the Royal Railway Department. That, we presume, pretty well completes the half-million claimed. On the strength of his victory Mr. Campbell is busy purchasing all the steel bridges, cement, more wagons, and so on, amounting to several ship-loads.

The new trouble between the Royal Railway Department and the contractor, we are informed, is due to the number of unemployed Chinese coolies who swarm along the line, robbing and rowing like so many savages. The Department say that Mr. Mitchell sent them up and then refused to engage them, whilst the representative of the contractor alleges that they are people with whom he has had no dealings whatever, and who went up "on spec." There seems to be something in this, for very recently a gang took up their quarters in some of the contractor's sheds and threatened Mr. Knight if they were not given work. They were got rid of in the same way as Charles Lamb's Chinaman roasted his pigs—by burning the houses down.

March 4th.

It is officially announced in the *Gazette* that her Majesty the Queen has accepted the resignation of Mr. Gladstone, and has appointed the Earl of Rosebery as Premier.

Lord Rosebery will have an audience of the Queen to-morrow.

The *Observer* states that Lord Rosebery was reluctant to accept the office of Premier, but that he yielded to an almost universal desire on the part of the Liberal party that he should succeed Mr. Gladstone, in order to avert a grave crisis.

Mr. Gladstone will go on a visit to the Continent till the end of the spring.

LONDON, March 5th.

The *Times*, in an article to-day severely censures Sir George Dibbs for his criticism of Mr. A. G. V. Peel's paper on "The Australian Crisis of 1893."

The paper says that Sir George Dibbs has raised a "storm in a tea cup," and that he is "tilting at windmills."

The circumstance that Sir George Dibbs has had a merely colonial training is not, the *Times* considers, a sufficient excuse for the reply to Mr. Peel and the ignorance of the Imperial Treasury, especially when the Treasury made a statement in explanation that Mr. Peel's paper was official, and had not been published by authority.

The *Times* concludes by remarking that the Government of Australian colonies too often neglect official courtesy in their dealings with the Imperial authorities.

It has been ascertained that numerous anarchists in Paris have been regularly levying blackmail on the French nobility of the city. It is also asserted that a section of the latter voluntarily pay blackmail to the leaders of the anarchists in order to secure the safety of themselves and families from assassination and outrage.

News from South Africa states that Captain Dawson, who was despatched with a detachment of troops to the scene of the massacre of Captain Wilson's party by the Matabales, in order to bury the bodies of the victims, has returned from his mission. He states that he found 34 skulls within a radius of 15 yards. All were buried in one grave, over which was placed a wooden cross, bearing an inscription to the memory of the brave men who fell in the gallant fight against the Matabales. Lo Bengal died of fever on 23rd January at a place 40 miles south of the Zambesi. He was nearly alone at the time of his death.

The *Times* states that a rumour is current to the effect that Sir George Otto Trevelyan, Bart., Secretary for Scotland, is to be appointed to succeed the Earl of Hopetoun as Governor of Victoria, in order to make room for the Right Hon. Edward Marjoribanks, M.P. (Patronage Secretary to the Treasury), in the Cabinet.

The Bank of Australia brought an action for libel against the proprietor of *Whitcher's Almanac* for including that bank among its list of bank failures.

The defendant tendered an apology, and withdrew the bulk of the issue. The Plaintiffs consented to a verdict with £1 damages.

The Nationalist section of the Irish party intend to present Mr. Gladstone with an address in recognition of his efforts to secure Home Rule for Ireland.

Mr. Gladstone's resignation was referred to from the pulpit in many London churches yesterday.

Mr. Gladstone has written to Lord Rosebery, promising to aid him in his new sphere if necessary.

The news of Lord Rosebery's accession to the Premiership has been received with great pleasure by the British in Egypt, and it is believed that it will be the means of strengthening the position of England in that country.

It is understood that Mr. Alexander Asher, M.P., Q.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland, whose resignation was recently announced, retired owing to the loss his income sustained by his retention of office.

Thirty anarchists have been arrested in Paris. The jails are crowded, and are unable to receive more prisoners.

Documents which have been seized by the police show that wealthy families in Paris consider this sum of money as security against outrage.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies Signor Crisp, the Fratner, declared that if it became

Kiang Khiam, more familiarly known as the Ban Bien affair. It is again, we believe, for the Siamese to constitute their Court and proceed to trial.

For the last few days residents in the neighbourhood of the New Road, opposite the Bangkok Police station, have been aroused by the clanking of iron, and filled with pity for a number of unfortunate natives, who endeavour to crawl along with heavy iron bars on their legs. The ordinary chain is bad enough, but the bars in this case are so short that the unfortunate men can only waddle along at great inconvenience and pain. The sight is very disgusting, but this feeling is tempered when it is known that the chain gang are *daocis* from Chya awaiting trial, and for the time being under Mr. Sheriff's charge.—*Free Press*.

MOUKDEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

February 25th, 1894.

Apres of the stir about opium just now, let me mention what one district of Manchuria is doing towards helping the Indian Government to satisfy the demand of the Anti-Opium Society. A short time ago when journeying north, I daily met from a dozen to a score of big carts laden with opium. One night twelve carts, containing 84 cases of the drug, stayed in the same inn with me. From the chief man in charge I computed that the total value of the consignment was about Tls. 55,000. He informed me also that the district I speak of (*Yen-ya-sho*) sends to Mukden about 1,000 cases every year, partly for local consumption and partly for transmission elsewhere. There were 16 insurance men in charge of the carts; all armed, and during the night several of them were told off to keep guard over their precious treasure along with the inn.

Hitherto the main users of the large military force of Manchuria have been to apprehend bandits in the mountain regions and quell disturbances, such as happened in Eastern Mongolia two years ago. But the lower order of soldier is a sort of man-of-all-work, and is put to any job that may turn up. Last year 1,500 of them built a fine dyke at Shih-ho-su on the bank of the Liao to protect the little town in time of flood. It is about two miles long and 10 feet high. The Government bore the whole of the expense.

But though it is a gratuity to the district it will eventually save a large sum to the Imperial Treasury, for in past years there has been a large outlay in maintaining refugees for the starving and destitute in the immediate neighbourhood. In the autumn of last year another detachment of soldiers from the same camp made a similar dyke at Shih-min-tu, about 10 miles in length and to feet in height. Two years ago the whole of the west end of the town was utterly destroyed by a small river, which changes its course once or twice a year, and which arbitrarily and unexpectedly chooses any spot within a boundary of 30 ft. The dyke has been put up to guard the town, and the various gilds have contributed about Tacs. 5,000 towards the Government outlay, but no attempt has been made to deepen or make a new channel for the river, and so recover the thousands of acres of rich land which have been devastated by its floods during the past few years.

The recommendations for honours for the alleged heroes of the slaughter of helpless and innocent people in Eastern Mongolia two years ago are still being presented to the Throne. Recently a sub-lieutenant named Li in the little town of Chin-chia-tun was raised to the rank of Lieutenant "because of his distinguished bravery in the fight referred to. His neighbours are all laughing at the episode, for it is notorious that he has not been out of the Chin-chia-tun district during the past three years and had no more to do with quelling the rising in Eastern Mongolia than I had. I suppose he arranged the matter with his provincial chief for a *douceur*. Li's neighbour Liu, when telling us about it laughed and said that heroes were so numerous nowadays that the Emperor has some difficulty in finding suitable rewards for them.

This reminds me of the famine relief of 1888, and 1890, dreadful days for both relieved and relieves! After nearly all the money had been distributed the local officials made a great ado about collecting the names of all the distributors, for the Emperor had signified his intention of bestowing suitable marks of his Imperial favour upon them. As nobody anticipated such a thing, there was naturally a flutter of excitement for a time, but our curiosity was assayed by the arrival of a couple of sheets of dirty paper at the British Consulate with the Tao-tai's compliments. Fortunately, at the time, the British Consul was an experienced and spirited official and in righteous indignation he refused to receive the "scrubby" documents. Incredibly as it may seem, I can vouch for the whole incident as a fact. In no other civilized country in the world could such a thing have happened.—*N. C. Daily News*.

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On Saturday afternoon the *Hydra* pored at the Chinese junk at Paklat, as she was going down the river. The bill for carpentering will probably run into four figures.

When M. Paul left on Saturday for the Looted Land, he was accompanied by seven French marines and 24 Siamese soldiers. A Government launch towed his boats up, and a number of officials and friends accompanied the party as far as Paklat. Judging by experience of the results of past hospitality, the Siamese will be repaid for their kindness by losing another slice of territory.

A correspondent informs us that last week a telepon went to visit a fellow-priest at a temple behind Wat Chang. The latter being away, his visitor left, taking away a silk robe and an umbrella as souvenirs. He was shortly afterwards arrested, and, as the authorities at the Boripat Court declined to deal with him, on the ground that he was outside temporal jurisdiction, he was handed over to the abbot of Wat Khuay, who chained him up pending investigation. Next morning he was missing, having cut off his heels in order to escape from his fetters!

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The *Hydra* caught fire on Friday evening and was burnt to the ground. The damage is estimated at about 4,000 taels.

Le Comte de Plas will, we learn, replace M. Hardouin at Bangkok, when the Consulate at Nan is established. M. de Plas is expected in Bangkok about the beginning of May, about which time M. Hardouin, Consul at Nan, will leave for his post.

Nothing appears to be known or to have been arranged by the Siamese as to the trial of the "complaisants" in the affairs of Tong

revenue from their sale that we shall at once be able to supply the few things that are still lacking.

The mouth of the canal near the steamer landing has become badly choked with sediment, and a large number of soldiers have been set to work to open it. A steam dredger which has been sent up to assist in the undertaking is a great curiosity to the natives.

His Excellency Lu Kia-kich of Fukien arrived in the city a few days ago to take charge of the Foreign Office during the absence of the Taotai, T'ui Tsu-jen, who is being transferred to Chin-kang for a few months.

The French gunboat *Comète* stopped here two or three days last week, leaving on Friday for Shanghai.—*N. C. Daily News*.

TIENTSIN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

March 22d.

I do not know if the papers have yet chronicled the following appointments:—Yuan, the Chinese Agent at the Court of Corea, is about to be transferred to the Haikien Tao-taiship of Wen-chow, and will be succeeded in his important position at Seoul by P'an Tsoi, who has for the last four or five years assisted Mr. Lo Feng-loh at the Admiralty in Tientsin. Mr. P'an was in London and Paris for some time as an *attaché*, and is one of the few Chinese gentlemen conversant with foreign affairs. Mr. Yuan's advancement has been extremely rapid, but not beyond his desert. Since his arrival in Seoul some sort of order has been evolved in that hotbed of intrigues. The old elements of discord are still there, but Mr. Yuan has, by his ability and strong personality, been more than able to hold his own in the struggle. He has been very judicious in applying the best lubricant to avoid friction and to make the wheels of a corrupt court move smoothly. His intelligence department has been admirably worked, and his promotion to a lucrative billet has been well earned and is as popular as these things can be among rival officials.

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—90 per cent., prem., sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £800, paid up—\$350, sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent., premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—3 per cent., premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$130 per share, sales and sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$62 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 185 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$130 per share, sales and sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$70, sales and buyers.

On Ta Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$185 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$37 per share, sellers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$521 ex. div., sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$48, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—80 per cent. premium, buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, ex. div., sales and buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$12 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures \$501.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shansmen Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Punjab Mining Co.—\$7 per share, sales and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$140 per share, sales and buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$60 per share, sellers.

The Celebi Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$6, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$16.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$166 per share, ex. div., sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$39 buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$97, sales and buyers.

Dakin, Chukchhan & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$52, sales and sellers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$37 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Ropeway Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$92 per share, ex. div., buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, sales and sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$40 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$5 per share, buyers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$84, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$5 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$60, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/0

Bank Bills, on demand 2/1

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1

Credits at 4 months' sight 2/1

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1

On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 2.60

Credits at 4 months' sight 2.69

On INDIA—T. T. 182

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On SHANGHAI—Bank, T. T. 72½

Private, 30 days' sight 73

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MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Surat*, with the outward English mail, left Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 2nd instant, and may be expected here on the 8th.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Gaile*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on the 20th ultimo.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peiping*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama on the 20th ultimo.

Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

PROTEUS, German steamer, 1,150, H. Johansen, 3rd April.—Salagon 30th March, Rice and Paddy.—Wieder & Co.

DECIMA, German steamer, 95, C. Christensen, 4th April.—Sourabaya 21st March, and Pasuruan 24th, Sugar.—Stemmen & Co.

AVOCHE, British steamer, 1,150, T. Rowlin, 4th April.—Saigon 29th March, Rice.—Mellchers & Co.

DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,057, R. Unsworth, 4th April.—Bangkok 27th March, General Tong Fat Hong.

THIRIK, British steamer, 1,665, R. A. Peters, 4th April.—Bombay 17th March, and Singapo 28th, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ACHILLES, British steamer, 1,480, C. F. Harvey, 4th April.—Singapore 26th March, General Butterfield & Swire.

YUNGCHEW, British steamer, 1,735, G. L. Grattan, 4th April.—Singapore 27th March, General Arbold, Karberg & Co.

YARRA, French steamer, 2,044, de Maubeuge, 4th April.—Marseille 4th March, Alexandria 9th, Port Said 10th, Suez 10th, Aden 15th, Colombo 22nd, Singapore 28th, and Salagon 1st April, Mails and General Messageries Maritimes.

THALAS, British steamer, 820, H. Bathurst, 4th April.—Talwanfoo 31st March, Amoy and April, and Swatow 3rd, General—D. Laprade & Co.

PROGRESS, German steamer, 687, J. Jensen, 4th April.—Canton 4th April, General—Siemens & Co.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,469, H. A. Lane, 4th April.—Canton 4th April, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

MONMOUTHSHIRE, British steamer, 1,872, Gedye, 4th April.—Bangkok 28th March, Rice—Dowell, Callill & Co.

BENMOHR, British steamer, 1,935, J. H. Clark, 4th April.—Salagon 29th March, Rice—Dowell & Co.

PROCESS, German steamer, 687, J. Jensen, 4th April.—Canton 4th April, General—Siemens & Co.

CLARKE, British steamer, from Singapore, for Taku, Amoy, and Foochow.

YUNGCHOW, from Singapore, 80 Chinese.

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